

REMARKS

Applicants have previously filed a Notice of Appeal in this case, on January 27, 2005. Thus, a petition for a five month extension of time, extending the time to further respond until September 1, 2005, is included herewith.

Applicants initially wish to thank Examiner Flood for the courtesies exhibited with the undersigned during the telephone interview on May 27, 2005. As the Examiner will recall, the undersigned and the Examiner discussed the prior art references cited during prosecution of this application, and the Examiner provided guidance as to claim amendments that may overcome the rejections previously set forth by the Examiner. Specifically, Applicants have incorporated the limitation "increasing the synthesis of skin lipids" into the body of each independent claim, and have also required that "an effective amount" of a composition comprising at least one plant oil product must be administered in accordance with independent claims 61 and 86. The foregoing amendments are believed to be entirely consistent with those discussed during the telephonic interview. Accordingly, it is firmly believed that the present claims, as amended, are allowable over the presently applied art.

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the amended claims are earnestly solicited. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

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If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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